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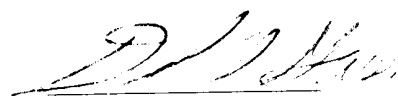
For: Vascular Endothelial Growth
Factor C (VEGF-C) Protein
and Gene, Mutants Thereof,
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an official action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on February 27, 2002. This response is timely filed with a petition and fee for one month extension of time. Should any additional petition or fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Marshall, Gerstein and Borun deposit account number 13-2855.

In light of the amendments and remarks presented below, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections and favorable reconsideration of the application.